

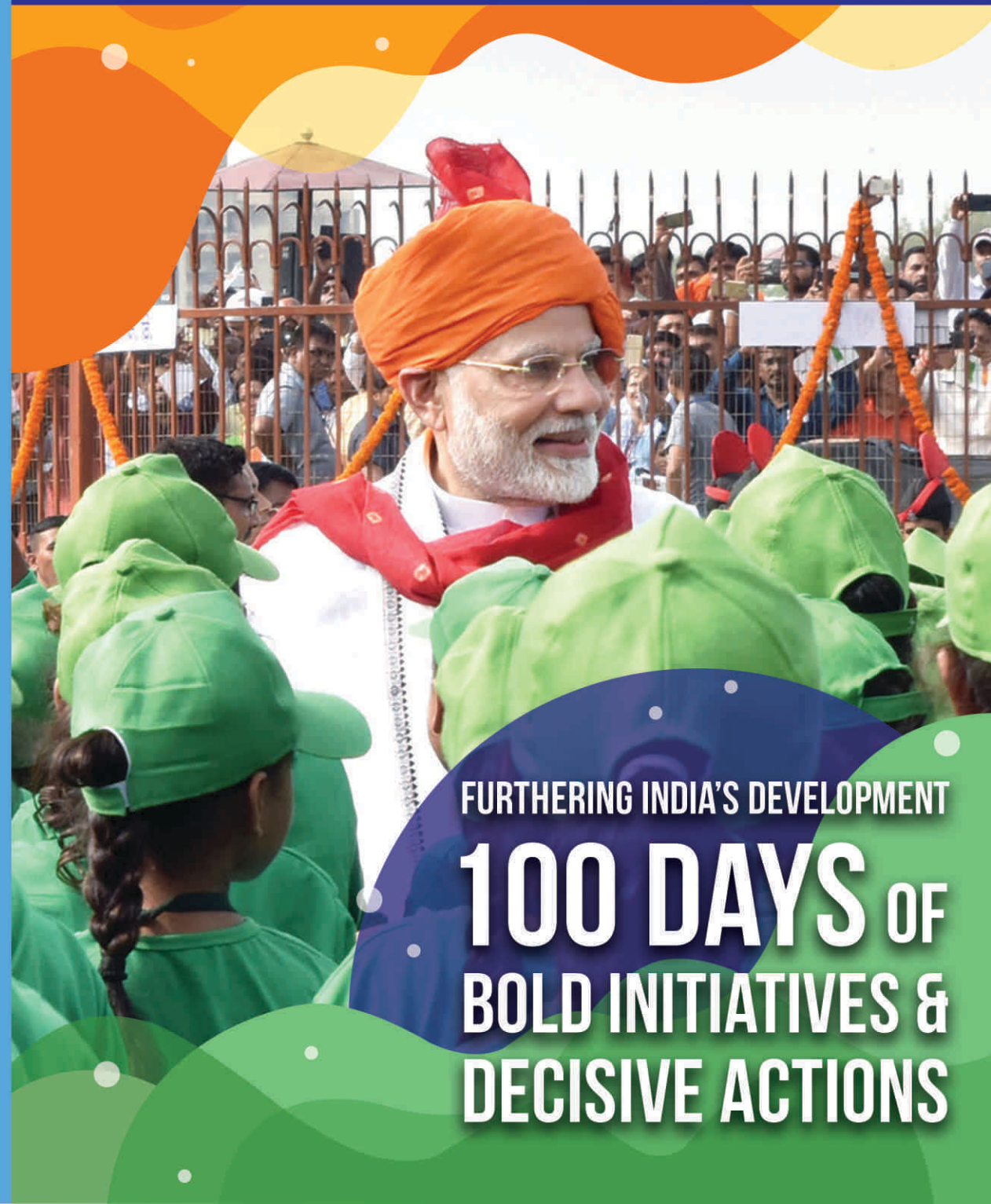


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FURTHERING INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

100 DAYS OF BOLD INITIATIVES & DECISIVE ACTIONS

**Jammu, Kashmir
& Ladakh
Crown of India**

Path breaking decisions- Bringing J&K to mainstream

Modi Government in a historic step removes special provisions under Article 370 to Jammu & Kashmir. Article 35 A of the Constitution abrogated.

- Brings Jammu & Kashmir at par with other States & UTs
- All provisions of the Constitution of India to now apply on J&K.
- Boost to the local economy and job creation by allowing private investment.
- Betterment of socio-economic infrastructure in the UTs.
- Laws pertaining to Education, Empowerment of SCs, STs, Minorities & others to be applicable to J&K.
- Provision of 10% quota to economically weaker sections of society to apply in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in jobs and educational institutions.

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'Ek Vidhaan, Ek Pradhaan, Ek Nishaan' slogan implemented after 66 years

History re-written: Centre scraps Articles 370, 35-A; to bifurcate J&K into 2 UTs

Jammu and Kashmir (Reorganisation) Act, 2019

- Jammu & Kashmir to be a Union Territory with a Legislative Assembly
- Fulfilling its age old dream, Ladakh now to be a Union Territory without a Legislative Assembly.

Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Act 2019

- With the passage of the Act, 3% reservation in services and educational institutions available to people living near the Line of Control (LOC) has now been extended to people living near the International Border (IB) in J&K.



Sweeping Economic Reforms – Towards \$5 Trillion Economy

Fulfilling the Promises of Manifesto



- Modi Government has committed itself to make India a five trillion dollar economy.
- To spur investment and create new employment opportunities, PM Modi set up two Cabinet Committees to deal with the two crucial issues
- Both the Panels, the Investment and Growth Panel and the Employment and Skill Development Panel are headed by the Prime Minister
- PM Modi also announced setting up of a high-powered Committee on structural reforms in the agriculture sector. The Panel also includes some Chief Ministers to examine legislative changes required for reforms.



Historic Merger of Public Sector Banks



- Moving towards the objective of achieving \$5 trillion economy 10 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) were merged into four entities to create 2nd largest, 4th largest, 5th largest and 7th largest PSBs in India.
- Subsequently, number of PSBs now stands at 12 from 27 in 2017.
- Bank mergers would rationalise operations reducing cost of lending, enhance profitability, and boost economy.
- Merger would enable banks with enhanced credit capacity, enhanced risk appetite, better ability to raise resources from markets, strong national presence and global competitive edge.

Additional credit expansion through Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

- Rs 70,000 crore to be released to PSBs upfront and additional lending & liquidity to the tune of Rs 5 lakh crore, to benefit corporates, retail borrowers, MSMEs, small traders and others.



Support to Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)

- Additional liquidity support of Rs 20,000 cr to HFCs by National Housing Bank, increasing the support to Rs 30,000 cr.

Linking Repo Rate to Interest Rate - Reducing EMI for Housing Loans, Vehicle etc.

- By directly linking Repo rate to interest rates EMI for retail loans and working capital loans has been reduced
- Working capital loans for industry will also become cheaper

Banks to effect timely rate cuts

- Banks to pass on rate cuts through MCLR reduction to benefit all borrowers



Infrastructure Credit

- In order to provide for long term credit, it is proposed to establish an organisation to provide Credit Enhancement for infrastructure and housing projects. This would enhance debt flow towards such projects.

Fillip to automobile sector

- In order to boost the automobile sector, Modi Government has increased the allowable depreciation to 30% on all vehicles acquired from now till March 2020.
- Ban on purchase of new vehicles by Government Departments lifted.
- BS IV vehicles purchased till 31.03.20 to remain operational for entire period of registration.
- Modi Government focuses on infrastructure for development of ancillaries /components including batteries for export.
- To further incentivise e-mobility, custom duty is being exempted on certain parts of electric vehicles.

Ease of Doing Business

CSR violations

- To be treated as civil liability.
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs to review the sections under Companies Act.
- Government has provided companies time for completing ongoing projects towards fulfilling their CSR obligations.

Transparency & Accountability in Tax administration

- In order to address complaints of harassment, Modi Government decides that all notices, summons by income tax authorities to be issued by centralized computer system with unique Document Identification Number, on or after 1st October 2019.
- From 1st October, 2019 all notices to be disposed off within three months from the date of reply.

Relief from enhanced surcharge on long term/short term capital gains

- To encourage investment in capital markets, Modi Government has withdrawn the enhanced surcharge on long / short term capital gains tax.

Customer Ease

- In order to reduce harassment and bring in greater efficiency, Public Sector Banks are now mandated to return loan documents within 15 days of loan closure. Move to benefit borrowers who have mortgaged assets
- Online tracking of loan applications by customers introduced - to increase transparency, reduce harassment, and improve turnaround time.



MSMEs

- All pending GST refund due to MSMEs shall be paid within 30 days.
- Improved transparent One Time Settlement (OTS) policy to benefit MSME and retail borrowers in settling their overdues.
- Amendment to MSME Act to move towards single definition to be considered

Boost to Start-ups

- Withdrawal of Angel Tax provisions for Startups and their investors.
- Dedicated cell for startups to address the problems of startups.
- Small start-ups with turnover upto Rs. 25 crore will continue to get the promised tax holiday as specified in the Income Tax Act, 1961, which provides deduction for 100 per cent of income of an eligible start-up for 3 years out of 7 years from the year of its incorporation.

Taxation – Ease of life for tax payers – Income tax, GST, Customs:

TAX REFORMS FOR NEW INDIA

Budget For New India 2019

- Special administrative arrangements to be made by CBDT for pending assessments of start-ups and redressal of their grievances.
- No inquiry or verification in such cases of startups to be carried out by the Assessing Officer without obtaining approval of the supervisory officer.
- Pre-filled tax returns to be made available to taxpayers, containing details of salary income, capital gains from securities, tax deductions, etc.
- A scheme of faceless assessment in electronic mode involving no human interface to be launched this year in a phased manner.
- Cases selected for scrutiny to be allocated to assessment units in a random manner and notices to be issued electronically by a Central Cell, without disclosing the details of the Assessing Officer.

- Modi Government has allowed the interchangeability of PAN card and Aadhaar for filing the Income Tax Returns for ease and convenience of tax payers.
- Prefilling of IT returns
- Faceless Tax scrutiny from Vijaya Dashmi 2019
- Refund process of GST simplified.
- Risk based approach in dealing with tax payers

Labour laws

- Contribution of ESIC reduced from 6.5% to 4%
- Fixed term employment for flexibility in hiring
- Web-based and jurisdiction-free Inspections
- Inspection report to be uploaded within 48 hours
- Compounding of offences
- Self-certification for start-ups - 6 labour laws

SIMPLIFYING LIVES WITH TRANSPARENT LABOUR LAWS

- Ensures **minimum wages** along with timely payment to all workers
- The Code on Wages Bill 2019** approved to provide fixed minimum wages to the entire workforce
- Simplifies 32 central labour laws** into 4 codes transforming obsolete laws into more accountable and transparent ones
- To benefit around **50 crore unorganised sector workers**

Environment clearances

- Single air and water clearance for MSMEs
- Single consent to establish a factory by MSMEs

Corporate Affairs

- It now takes just a day to incorporate a company - Central Registration Centre for name reservation & incorporation
- Integrated Incorporation Form
- Shifting of 16 offence sections to monetary penalty only
- Faster & easier approvals for mergers and acquisitions
- Modifications in provisions for Differential Voting Rights
- Withdrawal of over 14,000 prosecutions under Companies Act



Amendments to IBC to strengthen it even more

- Several amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have been approved.
- The resolution time for NPAs brought to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) fixed to 330 days including time spent in legal challenges.

Use of Bank KYCs by NBFCs

- NBFCs to be permitted to use Aadhaar authenticated bank KYC to avoid repeated processes.

Deepening of bond markets in India

- To improve access to long term finance
- Development of Credit Default Swap markets, in consultation with RBI and SEBI.
- Ministry of Finance to work with RBI to improve domestic market in bonds,
- The Companies (Share capital and Debenture rules) 2014 amended to remove the requirement for creation of a Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR)

Access of Indian Companies to the Global Markets

- The Depository Receipt Scheme 2014 expected to be operationalized soon by SEBI. This will give Indian companies increased access to foreign funds through ADR/GDR.

Use of Aadhaar based KYCs for domestic retail investors

- In order to improve market access for the domestic retail investors, Aadhaar-based KYC to be permitted for opening of Demat account and making investment in mutual funds



Simplified KYC for foreign and investors and FPIs

- Simplified KYC procedure to improve market access for foreign investors including FPIs

Offshore Rupee Market

- Offshore Rupee market to be brought to domestic stock exchanges and permit trading of USD - INR derivatives in GIFT IFSC.

Rs 100 lakh crores for developing modern infrastructure over 5 years

- An inter-ministerial Task Force formed to finalise the pipeline of infrastructure projects worth over Rs 100 lakh crore over 5 years.
- The above initiative is expected to boost growth and creation of jobs.

Reduction in Corporate tax

- Corporate Tax reduced to 25% for all companies having annual turnover of up to Rs 400 crores.
- 99.3% of the companies to benefit from this.

Review of FDI policy on various sectors approved

- The changes in FDI policy will result in making India a more attractive FDI destination, leading to benefits of increased investments, employment and growth.
- 100% FDI under automatic route for coal mining, will attract international players to create an efficient and competitive coal market.
- FDI now permitted under automatic route in contract manufacturing will be a big boost to the objective of Make in India.
- 26% FDI under government route is now permitted for uploading/ streaming of News & Current Affairs through Digital Media, on the lines of print media.
- The extant FDI Policy provides that 30% of the value of goods has to be procured from India if SBRT entity has FDI more than 51%. Now the local sourcing norms have been eased for FDI in Single Brand Retail Trading (SBRT). This will lead to greater flexibility and ease of operations for SBRT entities, besides creating a level playing field for companies with higher exports in a base year.

Companies Amendment Act, 2019

- The amended Act promote ease of doing business, de-clogging of National Company Law Tribunal and Special Courts. The focus is on serious cases of violations of the Act and ensuring enhanced compliance by corporates.

Special Economic Zone (Amendment) Act, 2019

- SEZ (Amendment) Act, will enable any entity to set up a unit in SEZs, including Trusts. This would help boost investments and create new export and job opportunities.
- Investments of USD 1.1 bn proposed since ordinance was promulgated earlier this year.

Traders - Long pending demand fulfilled

- National Traders' Welfare Board established to understand the issues and problems faced by traders and employees in their day to day business operations and for their welfare.

Merger of Council of Trade and Development and Board of Trade

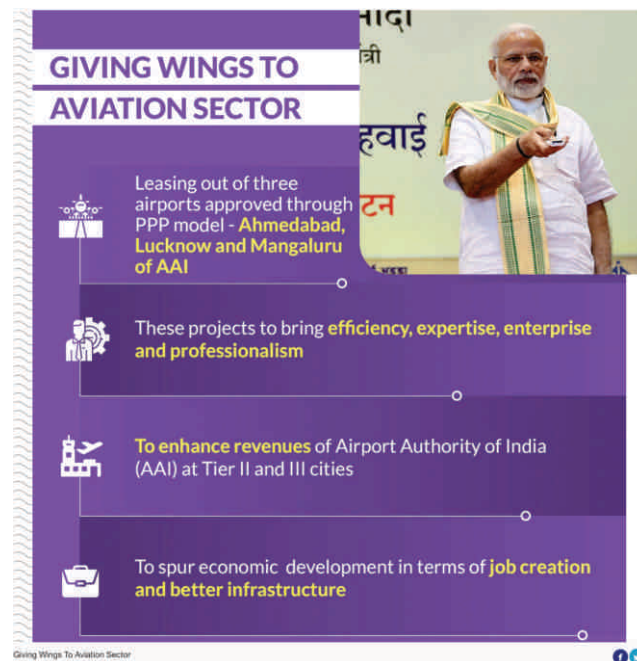
- Common platform for addressing export related concerns, with a focus on addressing these on a priority basis.

Enhanced revenues and better airports via leasing out of airports

- The Modi government in order to improve investment, efficiency and delivery has decided to lease out three airports of Airports Authority of India - Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru through PPP model.
- This will also result in enhanced revenues to the AAI.

Tallest Air Traffic Control Tower

- India's tallest ATC tower inaugurated at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on 2 September 2019



Ensuring Social
Justice to
all Sections of Society

Sigh of Relief for Married Muslim Women - Regressive Practice of Triple Talaq abolished

- In a step to protect the vulnerable married Muslim Women, Modi Government has abolished the regressive practice of Triple Talaq.
- Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019 abolishes Triple Talaq. Any pronouncement of talaq by a Muslim husband upon his wife shall be void and illegal.
- Makes Triple Talaq a punishable offence with imprisonment up to three years and a fine.



Landmark Decision Towards Empowering Women

Parliament Passes the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2019

- Practice of Triple Talaq as **void and illegal**
- Offence punishable with **imprisonment up to 3 years and a penalty**
- Subsistence allowances** to married women and dependent children
- Women entitled to seek **custody of minor children**

Safeguarding Child Rights: Modi Government amends POCSO Act

- Brings in death penalty for sexual assault on children.
- It makes the offences against children gender neutral.
- 1023 fast track courts to be set up in one year for speedy hearing of POCSO cases.
- 40,000 teachers to be trained for awareness in schools across the country to make children aware about the good and bad touch.



PROTECTING GIRL CHILD AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE

Strong amendments in **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012**

- Provision of Death penalty** for sexual offences against children
- Levy of fines & imprisonment** to curb child pornography
- Will discourage the acts of child sexual abuse** by acting as a deterrent due to strong penal provisions

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019: Upholding the rights of Transgender.

- Prohibits discrimination and defines the rights of a transgender person.
- No government or private entity can discriminate against a transgender person in employment.
- The Bill provides a mechanism for their social, economic and educational empowerment.

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Empowering Transgender Persons

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019 Approved



To mitigate the **stigma, discrimination & abuse** against transgender persons



To **bring transgender into the mainstream** of the society & make them productive members



To bring **greater accountability of all stakeholders** dealing with Transgender persons, and make them more responsive

Tribal Welfare

- 'Go Tribal Campaign' launched to promote the use of tribal products. 'Tribes India' goes global to step up exports of Tribal Products.
- E-governance initiatives for Scheduled Tribes Welfare Schemes launched for bringing in greater e-governance in implementation of welfare schemes for Sts
- 150 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools sanctioned; 55 schools made operational.

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Government of India

Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana
Promoting Tribal Enterprise through Value Addition, Branding and Marketing of Forest Products



Features of the Scheme:

- 15 SHGs* of 20 tribal gatherers is constituted, 60,000 in the country
- To be trained and provided with working capital
- SHGs will market their products within and across states
- To form clusters to aggregate their stock and link with facility of primary processing in Van Dhan Vikas Kendras
- Involvement of private sector for marketing



- 123 Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Units sanctioned for Nagaland, Jharkhand and Maharashtra

Minorities Welfare

- A record number of 2 lakh Indian Muslims including 48 percent women performed Haj this year, that too without any subsidy.
- 5 crore students, including 50 percent girls will be provided various scholarships in the next five years.
- Nearly 100 percent digitisation of about 6 lakh registered Waqf properties across the country has been completed.

Ensuring Wage Security THE CODE ON WAGES, 2019: Women's equality ensured.

- Historic Act - removes discrimination against women and ensures equal wages as their male counterparts.
- Ensures statutory protection for minimum wages and timely payment of wages to approximately 50 crore workers of organised as well as unorganised sector.
- Many unorganised sector workers like agricultural workers, painters, persons working in restaurants and dhabas and chowkidars, who were outside the ambit of minimum wages, will get legislative protection of minimum wages.

WIDER PROTECTION FOR LABOUR FORCE

- Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019 Approved
- A uniform threshold for welfare provisions like creche, canteen, first-aid and welfare officer
- Women's consent to be critical when required to work night shifts
- Applicable to all establishments employing over 10 workers except mines & docks, where the code is applicable to even 1 worker

Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-DhanYojana, 2019

- Modi Government approved Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-DhanYojana, 2019 to provide minimum assured pension of Rs 3,000 to small traders after attaining the age of 60 years.
- Around 3 crore small traders will be benefited from the scheme.
- All shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons to benefit.

Pension Scheme for over 3 Crore Traders & Shop-Keepers

- An assured minimum monthly pension of Rs.3000 after 60 years of age
- Traders & shop keepers with GST turnover below Rs. 1.5 crore to be covered
- Enrollment to take place through 3.2 lakh CSCs across the country

CSC
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Reduction of contribution under ESIC

- Govt reduced rate of contribution under ESI Act from 6.5% to 4% for both employees and Employers. It will benefit 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakhs employers.

Protecting the poor from financial frauds -The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act 2019

- Act will help tackle the menace of illicit deposit- taking activities in the country.
- It seeks to provide for a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes, other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of business, and to protect the interest of depositors.

CABINET DECISIONS: 10 JULY 2019

Tackling the Menace of Illicit Deposit

Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019 Approved



-  **Will protect poor and gullible people of being duped by illicit deposit schemes** launched by greedy operators by banning all unregulated deposit taking schemes
-  **To have adequate provisions for punishment and discouragement or repayment of deposits** in cases wherein schemes still manage to raise deposits illegally

Empowerment of All

Development Reaching the Unreached

- During 2019-20 to 2021-22, 1.95 crore houses are proposed to be provided to eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin.
- By 2022, the 75th year of India's independence, the government to ensure every single rural family has electricity and clean cooking gas connection.
- Drinking water to be provided to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- One woman in every Self-Help Group (SHG) will be allowed for a loan upto Rs 1 lakh under Mudra loan. Every women SHG member having a verified Jan Dhan account to get an overdraft facility of Rs 5,000.
- Under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), 16,085 hospitals have been empanelled, 41 lakh beneficiaries have been admitted and 10 crore e-cards have been issued.
- Under Ayushman Bharat, more than 20,700 Health and Wellness centres have become operational across the country.

EMPOWERMENT OF ALL

- Social Stock Exchange to be set up to list social enterprises & voluntary organizations
- Additional tax deduction of upto ₹ 1.5 lakh on loan interest for purchase of houses upto ₹ 45 lakhs
- By 2020, 100 new clusters to be set up under Scheme of Fund for Upgradation and Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) enabling 50,000 artisans join the economic value chain
- One woman in every Self-Help Group (SHG) to get a loan of upto ₹ 1 lakh under Mudra Loan

One Nation One Ration Card

- To achieve this objective, interstate portability has been implemented in four states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Prime Minister's Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).

- In significant achievement, PMUY has achieved the target of 8 crores within 100 days. More than 80 lakh consumers have been added in the last 100 days.
- As on 29.08.2019, the total sale of 5 kg refills is 17,39,054 and number of consumers who have opted for 5 kg refill is 4,89,322.

Women Led Development Transforming India

From Women Development to Women-led development
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

Over 7.60 Cr women have got LPG connections

Target enhanced to provide LPG connections to **8 Cr women**

Designed to improve lives of women by abolishing consumption of unhealthy fuels

As on 1st August, 2019

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)

- 16,494 Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed.
- 11,750 individuals/youth trained and certified in different skills fit for livelihood in urban areas; over 8,000 got placement.
- 8,183 beneficiaries assisted for setting up of individual/group micro enterprises.
- 49 shelters constructed and made functional for urban homeless.
- Rs 164.27 cr central assistance released to states during the period.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – NRLM*

Sustainable Rural Livelihoods through Community Participation

- Implemented in 4884 blocks across 600 districts in 29 States & 5 UTs
- 5 crore women mobilised into 45 lakh SHGs (as on May 18)
- Over 1.8 lakh community members trained & deployed to provide support to community institutions
- Provide Interest Subvention to women SHGs to avail bank loan up to ₹ 3 lakh
- 22000 CLRP** providing 24 hours door step extension services

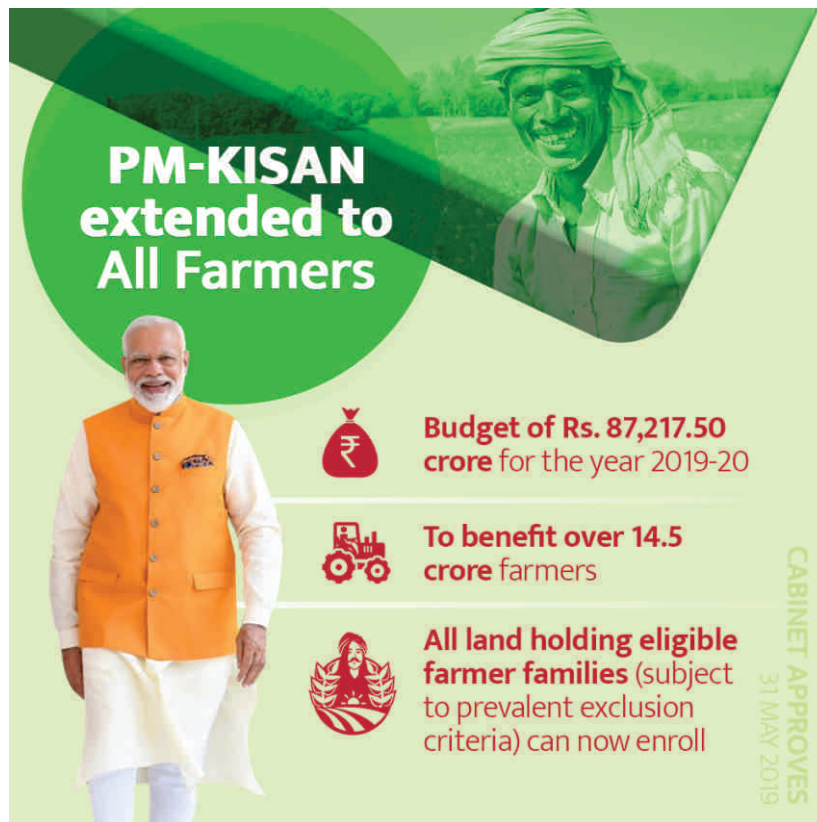
*Community Livelihoods Resource Persons
**National Rural Livelihoods Mission

The infographic features a collage of images on the left showing community members engaged in various activities like training, meetings, and fieldwork. At the bottom left is a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The background is a light green and yellow pattern.

Towards Doubling Farmers' Income

Extending the PM-KISAN safety umbrella for all farmers

- Modi Government extended the PM KISAN Scheme to another 3.44 crore farmers, takes total beneficiaries to 6.37 crore.
- In 100 days Rs 8,955 crores have been transferred as direct benefit to farmer families taking the total to Rs 20,520 crores.



PM-KISAN extended to All Farmers

Budget of Rs. 87,217.50 crore for the year 2019-20

To benefit over 14.5 crore farmers

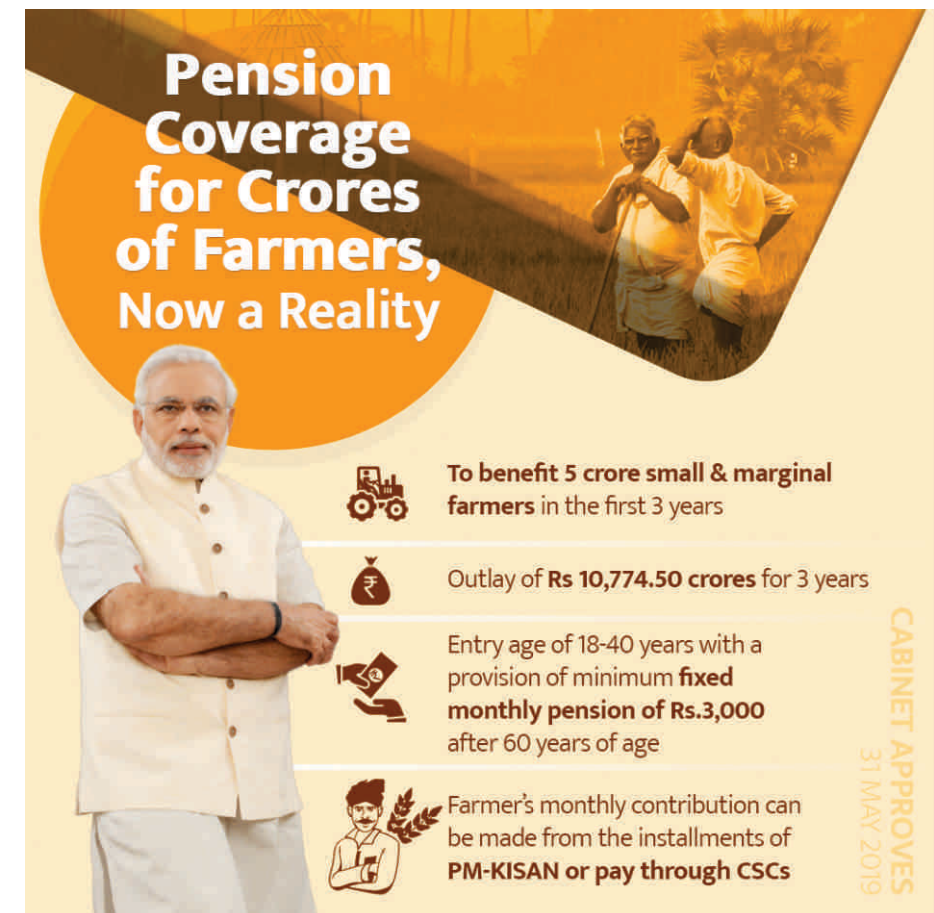
All land holding eligible farmer families (subject to prevalent exclusion criteria) can now enroll

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Pension scheme to secure lives of Anna-Daatas

- 5 crore Small and Marginal farmers to get pension benefits under PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana in the first three years.
- Provides for a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month to those who attain 60 years of age



Pension Coverage for Crores of Farmers, Now a Reality

To benefit 5 crore small & marginal farmers in the first 3 years

Outlay of **Rs 10,774.50 crores** for 3 years

Entry age of 18-40 years with a provision of minimum **fixed monthly pension of Rs.3,000** after 60 years of age

Farmer's monthly contribution can be made from the installments of **PM-KISAN or pay through CSCs**

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The infographic features a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the left. The background is orange with a circular inset showing two farmers in a field. The text is in white and black, with icons for a tractor, a rupee symbol, a hand holding a coin, and a farmer's head.

Creation of a 40 LMT sugar buffer stock

- Creation of a buffer stock of 40 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of sugar for one year from August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020, at an estimated cost of Rs 1,674 crore
- The reimbursement under the scheme to be directly credited into the farmers' account on behalf of mills.
- It will facilitate the timely clearance of cane price dues of farmers and stabilization in sugar prices.
- The decision will benefit sugar mills in all sugarcane producing states by way of clearing their cane price arrears.



CREATION OF BUFFER STOCK OF 40 LAKH MT OF SUGAR

-  To incur expenditure of ₹1674 crore for creation of buffer stock of 40 lakh Metric Tonnes of sugar for 1 year
-  Reimbursement under the scheme would be **directly credited into the Farmer's account** on quarterly basis.
-  Will lead to improvement in liquidity of Sugar Mills; **reduction in inventories & stabilization of sugar prices**
-  Clearing of sugarcane price arrears to **benefit sugar mills in all sugarcane producing States**

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Sugar Export Policy for evacuation of surplus stocks

- About 60 lakh tonnes of sugar to be exported this financial year
- Lump sum export subsidy at Rs. 10,448 per metric tonnes (MT) has been approved to be given to sugar mills for the sugar season 2019-20. The total estimated expenditure of about Rs.6,268 crore will be incurred for this purpose.
- The subsidy would be directly credited into farmers' account on behalf of mills against cane price dues and subsequent balance, if any, would be credited to mill's account.

Biofuels:















- Procurement price for ethanol increased. Higher prices to increase the ethanol availability.
- This will help in reduction of cane farmer's arrears, and reduces the difficulties of sugarcane farmers.
- Increased ethanol blending in petrol has many benefits including reduction in import dependency, support to agricultural sector, more environmentally friendly fuel, lesser pollution and additional income to farmers.

Higher minimum support prices for Kharif crops

- The increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for kharif crops, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, is in line with giving farmers 1.5 times the cost of production.
- The highest percentage return to farmers over their cost of production is for Bajra (85%) followed by Urad (64%) and Tur (60%).

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Hike in MSP of all Kharif Crops for 2019-20 Season

Crop	MSP 2018-19 (per quintal)	MSP 2019-20 (per quintal)
 Paddy	₹1750	₹1815
 Jowar	₹2430	₹2550
 Bajra	₹1950	₹2000
 Ragi	₹2897	₹3150
 Maize	₹1700	₹1760
 Tur	₹5675	₹5800
 Moong	₹6975	₹7050
 Urad	₹5600	₹5700
 Groundnut	₹4890	₹5090
 Sunflower Seed	₹5388	₹5650
 Soyabean	₹3399	₹3910
 Sesamum	₹6249	₹6485
 Nigerseed	₹5877	₹5940
 Cotton	₹5150	₹5255

Mission to eliminate Foot and Mouth disease and Brucellosis

- Prime Minister to launch the nation-wide Mission on 11 September, 2019.
- 100 % funding by Central Government
- Total cost of the scheme for 2019-24 is Rs 12652 crore

**Towards
Commanding
Water Security**

Formation of Jal Shakti Ministry

- Formation of Jal Shakti Ministry
- Fulfilling a promise made in their manifesto to urgently but comprehensively address water-related issues, Modi Government formed the Jal Shakti Ministry.
- Water management and access to safe drinking water has become part of the public discourse, mainly thanks to PM Modi's continuous focus on it.
- On 1 July 2019, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan - a campaign for water conservation and water security was launched.
- Target to complete 2.11 lakh Jal Shakti Abhiyan related works in the selected 1146 rural blocks by 15th October. Of these, over 1.57 lakh works have already been completed till date.
- The MGNREGS provides substantial support to the Jal Shakti Abhiyan in all the 5 priorities of water conservation, renovation of traditional water bodies, reuse and recharge structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation.
- 7.23 lakh Natural Resource Management (NRM)/ Water Conservation works (MGNREGS) have been completed till 30th August 2019.

REALISING THE GOAL OF 'HAR GHAR JAL'



To address water related issues, **Ministry of Jal Shakti was formed**



Water management & access to safe drinking water has become part of public discourse



Jal Shakti Abhiyan – a campaign for water conservation & water security was launched on 1st July 2019. **It aims at making water conservation a Jan Andolan through asset creation & extensive communication.**

Good Governance

Boost to Transparency – Weeding out the corrupt

- 49 taxmen including senior officers were given compulsory retirement under Fundamental Rule 56 (j) in public interest.

Budget Session 2019-Witnessed passage of several significant Bills

- Parliament passed several significant Bills: repeal of Article 370, Reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, Triple Talaq Bill, Motor Vehicle Bill.
- Total 40 Bills (33 in Lok Sabha and 07 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced in the parliament during the Budget session of 17th Lok Sabha. 35 Bills were

**STRONG GOVERNMENT,
STRONG PARLIAMENT**

 For the first time in Parliament, **Monsoon Session of 2019** functioned uninterruptedly

 A record of **30 bills passed** in a single session by both houses of the Parliament

 **The productivity of Lok Sabha** was approximately 137% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 103%

passed by Lok Sabha, 32 Bills by Rajya Sabha and 30 Bills passed by both the Houses of Parliament.

- The passage of 30 Bills by both the Houses is a record in single first/effective Session after constitution of the Lok Sabha.
- The productivity of Lok Sabha was approximately 137% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 103%.

Repealing 58 redundant laws

- After the Modi government came in 2014, over 1,000 redundant laws were repealed. Now, in 2019, it cleared a bill for the repeal of 58 redundant laws.
- Some of them ease the lives of people and ease businesses since they were outdated but could still be used to harass people.



Legal aid to poor, disadvantaged sections of society under Tele-Law Programme

- Legal aid through Panel of Lawyers via video conference and telephone facility available at the 28060 Common Service Centres (CSCs) situated at the Panchayat level in 115 aspirational districts.
- Women, children, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, victims of human trafficking, victims of earthquake and natural disasters are among those eligible for free legal advice under the Tele-Law programme.
- Others can avail the Tele-Law service on the payment of Rs 30 /- per consultation.

Strengthening the Judicial Apparatus

- Modi Government increases the strength of judges in the Supreme Court from 30 to 33 in addition to the Chief Justice of India.
- The move aimed at cutting down the number of pending cases.

India becomes the biggest and most secure habitat for the Tiger

- In a landmark achievement, number of tigers in India has risen to 2967 in 2018.
- Increase of 33%, the highest ever recorded.
- Increase in the "Protected Areas" in the country. In 2019, there are more than 860 protected areas, which were 692 in 2014.

Remarkable jump to 52nd rank in Global Innovation Index 2019

- India jumps 5 places to rank 52nd on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2019.
- Jump of 29 places from 81 in 2015 to 52 in 2019 is the biggest jump by any major economy.

Strict action against Terrorism:

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019

- Act allows Central Government to designate individuals as terrorists and seize their property.
- DG(NIA) empowered to seize/forfeit property representing proceeds of terrorism in cases investigated by NIA.

National Investigation Agency Act, Amendment Act 2019

- NIA empowered with extra territorial jurisdiction for investigation of terrorism related offences taking place outside India, in which Indian property/citizens are victims.
- The mandate of NIA expanded by inclusion of new offences viz. explosive substances, human traffickings, manufacturing/sale of prohibited arms and cyber terrorism, to its schedule.

Cyber Crime Control

- National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (www.Cyber Crime.gov.in) launched as a citizen centric initiative to facilitate public for reporting of all types of cyber crimes without visiting police station.
- The complaints reported on this portal are accessible online to the law enforcement agencies of respective states/UTs for taking appropriate action as per law.

Disaster Management

- Establishment of International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) - Prime Minister will launch the CDRI during the UN Climate Action Summit in New York on 23 September, 2019.

Road Safety

Modi Government Ensures Road Safety through Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019

- Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019, comes into force, paving the way for an efficient, safe and corruption free transport system in the country.
- Directions issued to NHAI to make electronic toll collection mandatory on all its toll plazas from 1st December this year.

Push to Electric mobility

- GST rate on electric vehicles (EVs) reduced to 5 percent from 12 percent making EVs affordable for consumers.
- GST on EV chargers slashed from 18% to 5% making infrastructure for EV affordable.
- Hiring of Electric Buses by local authorities exempted from GST to promote use of EV for public transportation.
- Additional income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on the interest paid on loans taken to purchase electric vehicles. This amounts to a benefit of around Rs 2.5 lakh over the loan period to the taxpayers who take loans to purchase electric vehicle.

USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

- Hiring of Electric Buses** by local authorities exempted from GST
- ₹10,000 crore approved for 3 years under FAME phase-II** for faster adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs)
- Additional income tax deduction of **₹1.5 lakh** on interest paid on loan taken to purchase EVs
- GST rate on all **EVs & Chargers** for EVs reduced from 12% to 5% and from 18% to 5% respectively

Boosting Railways – the Growth Engine of Indian Economy

- Budget 2019 of the Modi 2.0 Government, lays road map to make Railways the growth engine of the country – Rs 50 lakh crore to be invested by 2030.
- Railways registered Best Ever Safety Record – Zero Passenger Fatalities in April to Aug 2019
- Approval for raising of speed to 160 kmph by 2022-23 on Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi Howrah routes
- 2nd Vande Bharat Express to start service shortly, 95 trains have been upgraded to Utkrisht standard
- Three new lines approved- A 3rd line between Allahabad- Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction, New Line between Sahjanwa-Dohrihat (UP) & New Line between Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur (Maharashtra)
- Doubling of Line from New Bongaigaon-Agthori (Assam)
- Quality Food - Introduced food packets with QR Codes linked to live kitchen feed
- Clean drinking water - Commencement of Rail Neer Plant Mandideep, Bhopal

A BIG PUSH TO INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT IN RAILWAYS



₹100 lakh crore to be invested for infrastructure in the next 5 years



₹50 lakh crore to be invested for railway infrastructure



PPP Model to be implemented for faster development & passenger freight services



Doubling of 143 KM Bongaigaon – Agthori railway line with a cost of approx. ₹2000 Crore



3rd railway line approved between Prayagraj and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn at a cost of ₹ 2650 Crore



New railway line between Dohrihat & Sahjanwa approved with a cost of ₹ 1320 Crores

PM KUSUM

- Guidelines issued for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme.
- The Scheme aims at -
 - Setting up of 10,000 MW of Decentralized Ground/ Stilt Mounted Grid connected solar or other renewable energy based power plants.
 - Installation of 17.50 lakh stand-alone Solar Agriculture Pumps.
 - Solarisation of 10 lakh grid connected agriculture pumps.
 - Total installed renewable energy capacity of India crossed 80,000 MW mark on 30 June, 2019.

Energy Conservation

- During the last hundred days, over 80 lakh LED bulbs distributed, nearly 91,000 LED tubelights distributed, 33,500 energy efficient fans distributed
- These measures are expected to save 123 Million Units of Power in a year.

Dibang Hydroelectric project

- Cabinet approved Dibang Hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh.
- This will be the largest hydro project in India with estimated cost of Rs 28080 cr.
- Will produce 2880 MW of power and help prevent floods.

Smart City Mission

- 88 projects worth Rs 609 crore completed. 153 new projects worth Rs 2,778 crore tendered; 127 work orders worth Rs 4,086 have been issued.
- One City One Impact, a 100 day programme launched. Each of the 100 smart cities proposed an initiative to be accomplished in 100 days concluding on 2 October 2019. 2.7 crore people to benefit through the initiative.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- 4.26 lakh houses to be constructed in urban areas with an investment of Rs 23,400 cr and a central assistance by 2021-22.
- 1.95 crore houses to be built in gramian areas for eligible beneficiaries.



Affordable Housing

- Interest paid on housing loans is allowed as a deduction to the extent of Rs 2 lakh in respect of self-occupied property.
- Additional deduction of up to Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on loans borrowed up to 31st March, 2020 for purchase of house up to Rs 45 lakhs.



- Therefore, a person purchasing an affordable house will now get an enhanced interest deduction up to Rs 3.5 lakh. This will translate into a benefit of around Rs 7 lakh to the middle class home-buyers over their loan period of 15 years.
- A tax holiday has already been provided on the profits earned by developers of affordable housing.

Inland Waterways

- For the first time ever, an Indian waterway was used for transportation of cargo between Bhutan and Bangladesh, using India for transit on 12.07.19.
- India becomes the first country in the world to provide Biometric Seafarers Identity Document with enhanced security measures to its seafarers.
- An Inland Waterways Authority of India vessel carrying 1000 tonne cargo from Bhutan to Bangladesh over National Waterway -2 (Brahmaputra) and the Indo-Bangla Protocol Route was digitally flagged-off by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Shipping.
- MoU signed between India and Maldives for the establishment of passenger and cargo services by sea, during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Maldives on June 8, 2019. This will pave the way for ferry services between Maldives & Kerala.

Tourism

- Historic illumination of Qutb Minar and Safdarjung Tomb inaugurated.
- 10 historical monuments across the country will remain open till 9 pm for common public.
- Incredible India campaign wins Pata (Pacific Asia Travel Association) Gold Award 2019.
- Adventure Tourism - 137 mountain peaks in four states opened to foreigners for mountaineering and trekking
- "AADI MAHOTSAV" held in the newly formed UT of Leh on 17 th August- 160 tribal artisans from more than 20 states showcased their masterpieces.
- Statue of Unity makes it to to the annual list of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2019, which is a compilation of 100 new and noteworthy destinations to experience in the year



ENHANCING GROWTH IN TOURISM SECTOR

- **Developing 17 iconic tourism sites** as world-class tourist centres to improve flow of domestic and foreign tourists
- **Holistic development of these sites,** focussing on issues like connectivity, better facilities, involvement of local community, bringing private investment, etc.

Institution of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman [AYDMS]

- To mark the contribution of media in spreading the message of Yoga thirty three (33) Sammans under three categories to be conferred.
- Eleven Sammans to be conferred in 22 Indian languages and English under category "Best Media Coverage of Yoga in Newspapers.
- Eleven Sammans to be conferred in 22 Indian languages and English under category "Best Media Coverage of Yoga in Television.
- Eleven Sammans to be conferred in 22 Indian languages and English under category "Best Media Coverage of Yoga in Radio.

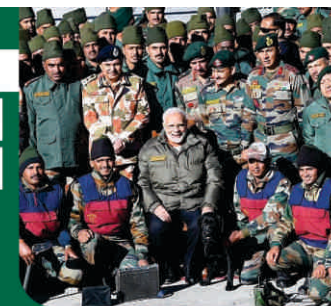


First government decision dedicated to those who protect India

First Government Decision for those who protect India

- The first decision of the Modi 2.0 government showed where its priorities are - with those who sacrifice their lives to protect us.
- Major changes were approved in the 'Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund.

FIRST GOVERNMENT DECISION FOR THOSE WHO PROTECT INDIA



Major changes approved in the 'Prime Ministers Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund



The rates of scholarship have been increased from Rs. 2000 per month to Rs. 2500 per month for boys and from Rs. 2250 per month to Rs. 3000 per month for girls



Extended the ambit of scholarship scheme to wards of martyred State Police officials

The rates of scholarship were increased substantially. Moreover, the ambit of the scholarship scheme was extended to the children of state police officials who were

martyred during terror attacks or naxal attacks.

Focus on Higher Education Infrastructure

Modi Government brings in National Medical Council Act 2019 which aims at overhauling of Medical Education

- National Medical Council Act aims to reduce the burden on students, bring down costs of medical education, simplify procedures, help to enhance the number of medical seats in India, ensure quality education, and provide

MAJOR REFORMS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

- NMC to regulate fees for 50% seats in private medical colleges
- The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019 to ensure transparency & accountability in medical education
- Setting up of National Medical Commission (NMC) to improve access to quality & affordable medical education
- Under NMC, final year MBBS exams to act as Licentiate exams for PG entrance; Common entrance tests (NEET & others) to be applicable to institute of national importance
- 2,750 seats in 25 new government medical colleges added in academic year 2019-20, the biggest addition in a single year

wider access to people for quality healthcare.

- The move will ensure transparency, accountability and quality in the governance of medical education in the country
- On a related note, the academic year 2019-20 witnesses the biggest addition of medical

seats in government colleges in a single year. 2,750 seats in 25 new government medical colleges are added.

75 new Medical Colleges approved

- 75 additional Government Medical Colleges approved, to be established by 2021-22 and attached with existing district / referral hospitals under Phase-III of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored scheme.
- This would lead to an increase of at least 15,700 MBBS seats in the country, improve tertiary care in government sector, utilize existing infrastructure of district hospitals and promote affordable medical education in the country.

Building a Healthy India Transforming India

Ayushman Bharat
World's Largest Health Insurance Initiative

PM Jan Arogya Yojana
Launched on 23rd Sept. 2018

हाविद्यालय, राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, कोडरमा का शिलान्यास
23 सितंबर, 2018
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी, रांची

To Provide health insurance cover of up to **₹5 lakh** per family per year to around 50 cr persons

1.5 lakh Health & Wellness Centres to provide Comprehensive Primary Healthcare services

Over 9.12 Crore beneficiary e-cards generated & 34.72 lakh beneficiaries received free treatment

As on 31st August, 2019

- New medical colleges to be set up in under-served areas having no medical college.
- Preference will be given to aspirational districts and district hospital having 300 beds.

Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019

CABINET DECISIONS

FULFILLING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE ECONOMICALLY WEAKER
The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill, 2019

- 7000 existing vacancies to be filled up by direct recruitment in Teachers' Cadre
- Ensure providing of 10% reservation to EWS
- Ensure full representation of SC/STs, EBCs & EWS in direct recruitment in teachers' cadre
- University/college to be considered as one unit based on 200 point roster

12 JUNE 2019

- Provides for reservation of teaching positions posts in Central universities.
- Decision is expected to improve the teaching standards in the higher educational institutions by attracting all eligible talented candidates belonging to SCs/STs/SEBCs/EWS categories.

Making Higher Education Reachable

- Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019 passed by Lok Sabha seeks to establish two new universities in Andhra Pradesh - the Central University of Andhra Pradesh and the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.

Jeevan Kaushal – Life skills programme launched for improving employability of the students.

Modi Government launched world's largest teacher training programme NISHTHA - to build capacities of 42 lakh government teachers

CABINET DECISIONS: 28 AUGUST, 2019

MASSIVE EXPANSION OF MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

75 New Government Medical Colleges Approved



Will lead to an addition of at least **15,700 MBBS seats in country**



Establishment of **new medical colleges** attached with existing district/referral hospitals by 2021



New medical colleges with **200 beds** to be set up in under-served areas having no medical college



Preference to be given to Aspirational District and District Hospitals having **300 beds**

Fit India Movement

- Fit India Movement launched by Prime Minister of India on the occasion of National Sports Day i.e. 29th August, 2019.
- The objective is to make fitness an integral part of daily life of Indians by encouraging them to enrol and participate in Fitness Events/Activities.
- Movement to cover all aspects having a bearing on fitness and healthy living viz., physical fitness, mental fitness, healthy life style, healthy eating habits, health and balance diet, preventive health care, sustainable and environment friendly living, etc.



Boost to Sports

- Everest Massif Expedition and Climbathon 2019 being organized by Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi, to promote adventure among youth.
- To make India a hub of higher education, government proposes 'Study in India' to bring in foreign students to pursue education here
- National Research Foundation (NRF) to be set up to strengthen overall research ecosystem in the country, integrating funds available under all Ministries.



DD Free Dish Set Top Box distribution launched in Jammu & Kashmir

- Half an hour Dogri programme and News Bulletin from DD Kashir along with the signature tune of the channel also launched



On the Edge of Discovery

Chandrayaan 2 - Pushing the frontiers of Space Exploration

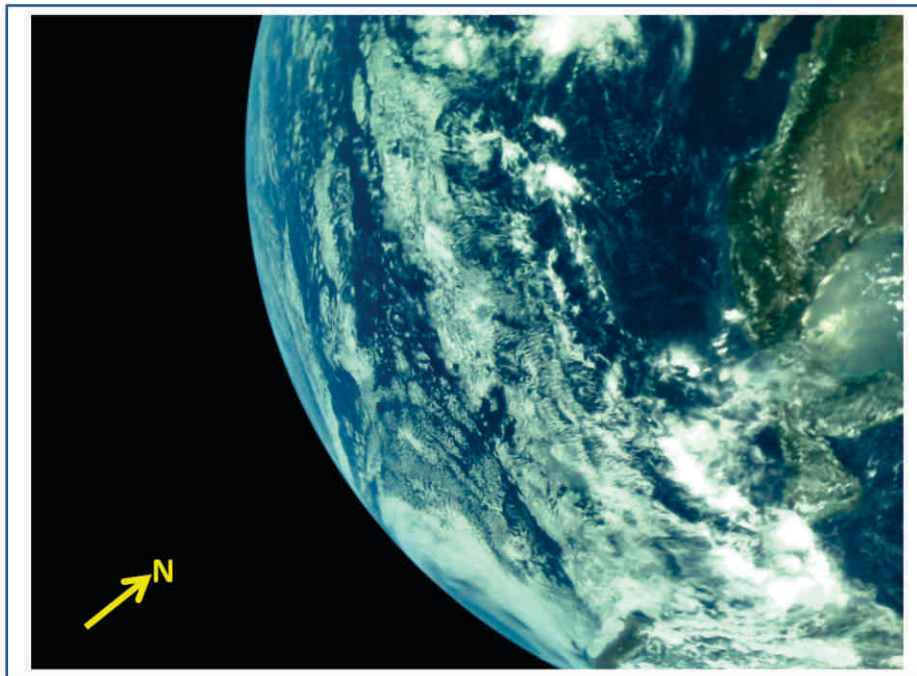


- On September 7th India became the first country in the World when its lunar mission Chandrayaan 2 successfully reached Moon's South Pole.
- In one of the most technically challenging complex manoeuvres the lander Vikram has successfully deployed the Rover Pragyan on the lunar surface.
- Pragyan sends first signals to ISRO.
- Successful mission of Chandrayaan 2 made India inch towards the edge of discovery

- 1st Indian expedition to attempt a soft landing on the lunar surface with home-grown technology
- Chandrayaan 2 propelled India to an elite list of four nations that have pulled off a soft-landing on the moon.
- Chandrayaan 2 shall increase our understanding of space and inspire a future generation of explorers and scientists.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the two "Greatest Lessons" he learnt from the Chandrayaan-II mission are "Faith and Fearlessness".

Earth as viewed by Chandrayaan-2 LI4 Camera on 03 Aug 2019 17:28 UT

Satellite Altitude: ~ 5000 km



Security and Defence Sectors

Strengthening Coordination among defence forces:

- In the biggest ever military reform, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address announced that the country would have a Chief of Defence Staff, CDS paving the way for improved coordination and making the Armed Forces even more effective.

Induction of Apache Helicopters

- Indian Air Force inducted eight AH-64E Apache attack helicopters into its inventory at Air Force Station Pathankot on September 3, 2019. Apache attack helicopters will replace the Mi-35 fleet



Defence-Technological Advancement and Welfare of Defence Personnel

- Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested its state-of-the-art Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles (QRSAM) against live aerial targets from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur on August 4, 2019.
- Restoration of the 'Ration in Kind' for the officers of the three Armed Forces posted in peace areas announced on June 18, 2019. Now all officers of the Armed Forces including those in Peace Stations will be getting ration.

Greater benefits for brave CAPF personnel

- Modi Government grants organised cadre status to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers. This makes them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU).
- The move benefits thousands of serving officers and those retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces – CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.

Organized Group 'A' Status to Railway Protection Force

- The grant of Organised Group 'A' status to Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) was approved.
- The grant of status of Organized Group 'A' service to RPF will improve career progression of the eligible officers.

ORGANISED GROUP 'A' STATUS TO CAPF AND RPF

Grant of Organised Group 'A' Status to Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) to improve career progression of the eligible officers

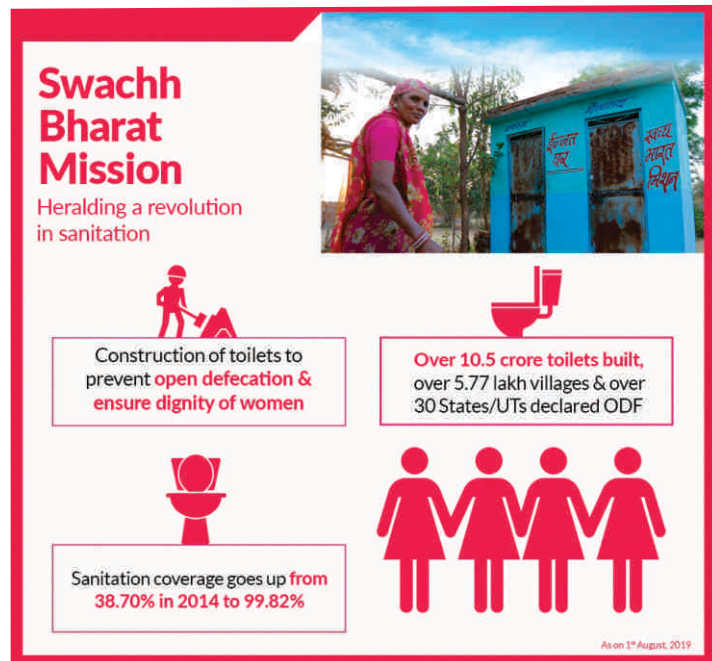
Grant of Organized Group 'A' Service (OGAS) to Group 'A' Executive Cadre Officers of CAPFs - CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP & SSB

Extension of benefits of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG) to both eligible officers of CAPF & RPF

Modi
Government's
Work Wins
Global Praise

India becoming more and more Swachh says the world!

- The Swachh Bharat initiative of the Modi government has led to a reduction in the contamination of groundwater as many parts of India became Open Defecation Free (ODF), a UNICEF study observed.
- The study notes the impact of Swachh Bharat thus: between 2000 and 2014, open defecation decreased by almost 3 percentage points per year, while from 2015-2019 it came down by of over 12 percentage points per year.



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao – Mass Movement with Massive Impact

- The all-India sex ratio at birth went up by points, from 923 in 2015-16 to 931 girls per 1,000 boys till March 2019
- Haryana showed an improvement from 887 girls per 1,000 boys in 2015-16 to 914 in 2018-19

Modi government's rural road push wins global praise

- Coming to the impact of Modi government's infrastructure focus, according to a World Bank report, improved road connectivity in India triggered a shift from farm to non-farm employment and women stepped out of the house to take care of their farms.
- The World Bank report has hailed PM Gram Sadak Yojana, says it improved mobility, increased access to economic opportunities and boosted attendance of children in schools.
- It also says the number of babies delivered at home has come down, a major improvement in the health sector.

Channels of Bangladesh & South Korea on DD Free Dish

- BTV World, a channel owned by Bangladesh TV, and KBS World, an English 24x7 channel of Government of the Republic of South Korea, to be shown on Doordarshan Free Dish
- DD India to be made available in Bangladesh and South Korea.
- The decision marks an important watershed in the strengthening of ties of the two countries with India



**Increasing Global
Stature of India**

World Honours PM Modi

- PM Narendra Modi conferred with the prestigious 'Order of Zayed' the highest civilian honor of UAE for PM's contribution in strengthening relations between India and UAE.
- PM Narendra Modi conferred with the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by His Majesty the King of Bahrain.
- PM Narendra Modi conferred with Russia's highest civilian award 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' for promoting bilateral special and privileged strategic partnership.



World Stands by India

- International Organisations, G7, UN Security Council, and World Leaders Britain, France, US, Russia, stood by India's decision to abrogate Art 370 from the Indian Constitution. All these major powers were unanimous for their support of India's move and its sovereign right to do so.

India hosts COP14 - to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification

India assumes UN Conference of Parties (COP) Presidency from China for the next two years till 2021.

**India Leading
The Global
Narrative**

Yoga Day – India's International Soft Power Display

- As seen in the past few years, the International Yoga Day was celebrated with great fervor across the world by over 170 countries. India benefited in soft power terms with its culture going global.
- This time, PM Modi also announced the Prime Minister's Awards for Outstanding Contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga -2019.
- Of the four recipients, one was an Italian lady and another was a Japanese cultural organisation.



Paradigm shift with Maldives and India's friendship

- PM Modi, even within just a month of government formation, has notched up a major foreign policy triumph in the neighbourhood.
- His visit to Maldives, the grand reception and the subsequent developments show that PM Modi is undoing the policy blunders of UPA.
- Maldives honoured PM Modi with their highest award.

With neighbours, as a friend in Need

Showing his commitment to the Neighbourhood First approach to foreign policy, PM Modi became the first world leader to travel to Sri Lanka after the horrific Easter terror attacks.

Setting the narrative at the SCO Summit

- PM Modi left an impact on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit when he spoke out against terrorism and sought to build a global consensus around it.
- He raised the issue of state-sponsored terrorism at the SCO Summit in Bishkek and said that countries sponsoring, aiding and funding terrorism must be held accountable as he called for a global conference to combat the menace.



100 days of Modi-2.0 and Foreign Policy

- PM Modi invited BIMSTEC leaders and Chair of the SCO to the oath-taking ceremony.
- Historic visit to Maldives: PM Modi addressed the Majlis, received the highest civilian award for foreigners, the Order of Nishan Izzuddeen.



At home, PM Modi welcomed US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, and articulated India's stand on trade, terror and other issues.

G-20 Summit in Japan saw wide scale engagement of PM Modi with all top world leaders.

Yoga Day was observed with great gusto all over the world on 21st June.

The International Court of Justice delivered an extremely favourable verdict in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case.

PM Modi at The G20 – Wide Outreach, Futuristic Outcomes

The scale of engagement

- PM Modi attended four G20 sessions, had 9 bilateral meetings, 8 pull-aside meetings, 2 trilateral meetings (Japan-India-America and Russia-India-China) and 1 meeting of BRICS leaders.
- PM Modi had one of the highest bilateral and pull-aside meetings among world leaders at the G20. This is indicative of India's rise at the world stage.
- He also attended a massive community programme in Kobe. Overall, PM Modi participated in 25 programmes in 2 days

WIDE OUTREACH, FUTURISTIC OUTCOMES AT THE G20



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Overall, PM participated in 25 programmes in 2 days and **met leader from all continents**

Issues raised by PM Modi resonate with the world

- PM Modi spoke at a G20 session on healthcare, highlighted India's traditional healing forms and Ayushman Bharat, world's largest health programme.
- He also called for an international combined effort on disaster management.
- PM Modi highlighted the need of gender equality, spoke about technology and the need to ensure societies embrace technology for human progress.
- In the G20 Summit in 2019, PM Modi made a strong pitch for a combined strategy on coming down on fugitive economic offenders.
- From 2014 to 2019, it is clear that PM Modi is championing the cause of a corruption-free world where the honest tax payer and the honest businessmen are protected.
- PM Modi, however, did not join deliberations on the Osaka Track, keeping in mind India's interests. The Osaka Track on data free flow and e-commerce was one of PM Abe's pet agendas for the Osaka G20.

PM makes strong pitch for crushing terrorism

- Be it the G20, BRICS or SCO, PM Modi has been leading the global narrative against terror. The Osaka G20 was no different.
- PM Modi also told UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take the lead in holding a conference on the issue of terrorism and assured full support.



India and USA – a productive engagement

- There was immense media scrutiny on PM Modi's meeting with President Donald Trump.
- The Modi-Trump bilateral was a smooth and productive one. Both leaders had frank discussions on multiple aspects, like 5G, trade, Iran and securities.
- In addition to the scheduled bilateral meeting, PM Modi and President Trump had multiple informal but warm chats in the Leader's Lounge, on the sidelines of the various sessions and during the dinner for G20 leaders.
- Those attending the G20 leaders' dinner saw that PM Modi had a busy evening, with Australian PM Scott Morrison on one side and President Trump on the other.



Neighbourhood First Policy

Visit to our trusted friend and partner Bhutan (17-18 August 2019)

- Giving emphasis on India's Neighbourhood First Policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bhutan in August to further strengthen the India-Bhutan relations.
- PM Modi and Bhutan Prime Minister Dr. Lotay Tsering expanded cooperation in new areas; signed several MOUs.
- Taking further the India-Bhutan Hydropower cooperation, PM Modi and PM Bhutan Dr. Lotay jointly inaugurated the 720 MW Mangdechu Hydroelectricity Project in Bhutan.
- Scaling new heights of Space Cooperation, jointly inaugurated the Thimpu Ground Earth Station of South Asia Satellite. Benefits of tele-medicine, distance education, weather forecast & warning of natural disasters will reach to people living in remote areas of Bhutan.
- Jointly inaugurated the extension of India's National Knowledge Network to Bhutan. It will establish closer cooperation between institutes of two countries.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Launched RuPay card in Bhutan. This will further enhance our relationship in digital payments, and trade and tourism.



Visit to Sri Lanka

- PM Modi showed solidarity with an important maritime neighbour. His visit to the Shrine of St. Anthony attacked in the Easter bombings was the first by any world leader.
- PM Modi engaged with full spectrum of Sri Lanka's leadership - President Sirisena, PM Wickremesinghe, former President Rajapaksa and Tamil parties



**Strengthening our
ties with Extended
Neighbourhood**

PM's visit to UAE: Boost to Bilateral Relations

- RuPay Card launched in UAE. It is the first country in the Gulf where Indian RuPay card has been launched.

PM's visit to Bahrain: This is the first ever visit by Indian PM

- MoUs signed in areas of culture, space, collaboration with ISA & RuPay Card.
- Addressed strong Indian community at the Bahrain National Stadium.
- PM Modi launched the redevelopment project of 200 years old Shreenathji Temple in Manama, Bahrain.
- In a kind and humanitarian gesture, the Government of Bahrain

India's expanding
sphere of Influence
in the World



PM's visit to France to deepen the strategic ties

- PM termed India-France cooperation as IN-FRA meaning India France Alliance.
- France and India further strengthened their cooperation in the areas of bilateral trade, space, defence and others.
- The two countries decided to train medical personnel for supporting the Indian astronauts, who will be a part of the India's manned space mission by 2022. The training will be carried out in France and in India.
- Space Climate Observatory launched enhancing Indo-French cooperation on combating climate change.

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Modi raises J&K in France: It took 70 yrs to remove word 'temporary'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
Paris, August 23

A DAY AFTER French President Emmanuel Macron said India and Pakistan should resolve the Kashmir issue bilaterally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that it took the country 70 years to remove the word "temporary". He was referring to the decision to revoke special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under article 370, which the government has said, was "temporary" in nature.



"I have said that the Ganpati festival has become the main feature of the Parsian cultural calendar.

"On this day, Paris transforms into a mini-India. That is, a few days from now, the echo of 'Ganpati Bappa Morya' will also be heard here," he said.

On fighting terrorism, he said, "We have fought imperialism, fascism and extremism, not only in India but also on the soil of France. Our friendship is built on solid ideals. The character of the two countries is formed by the shared values of liberty



G7 Summit

Pro-active Role Played

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated India's commitment to tackle global challenges and highlighted India's contribution to address reducing biodiversity, climate change, water stress & ocean pollution
- PM led the dedicated session of G7 summit on Digital Transformation. Highlighted India's efforts in using digital technology to fight social inequalities through empowerment & inclusion.



Bilateral Meetings with US President, UK PM

- PM Modi held bilateral meeting with US President Donald Trump in Biarritz, France. Both leaders discussed strengthening the strategic partnership, with a focus on energy and trade.
- PM Modi had a meeting with UK PM Boris Johnson on margins of G7 summit. Both leaders discussed strengthening of bilateral ties in trade & investment, defence & security, S&T and education sectors.



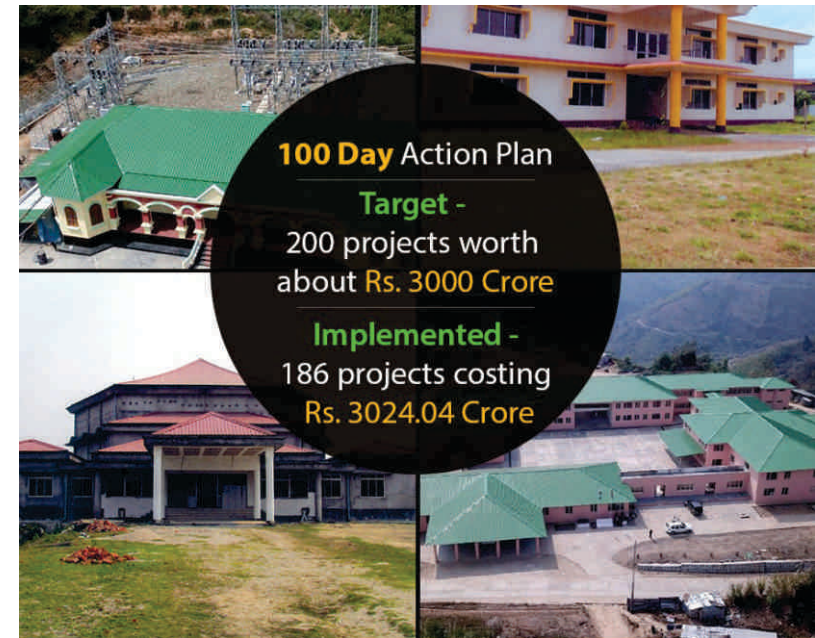
Strengthening the ties with Russia

Modi the first PM to visit Vladivostok – Receives Russia's Highest Civilian Honour

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Russia for the 20th India-Russia Annual summit and participate in the 5th Eastern Economic forum as chief guest. This is first ever visit by Indian PM to Russia Far East in Vladivostok.
- At the 20th Annual Summit, both leaders noted progressive development of the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia.
- Russia expressed its strong support for India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. Russia will continue to support India's candidacy for the permanent membership of a reformed UN Security Council.
- With the signing of the roadmap for cooperation in hydrocarbons for 2019-24 during the Summit, both sides expect bilateral cooperation in this sector to touch new heights in the next five years.
- They reaffirmed their commitment to undertake all measures to prevent and combat terrorism. Russia noted India's proposal to organize a global anti-terrorism conference.



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Turning the tide on plastic pollution

Marking the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's renewed initiative for environmental cleanliness received a fillip when he announced on Sunday of his new resolution against plastic from October 2. Going ahead with his appeal for a plastic-free India, he took to Mann Ki Baat, his monthly radio show, urging citizens to join hands in curbing single-use plastic. There is definitely a need for the general public to be sensitised towards the perils of plastic pollution as a significant amount of discarded plastic comes from common people from everyday usage. What might be most unexpected and surprising is that this next-level cleanliness drive will have an impact on not just the physical environment but also give a boost to the

economy in novel ways. The Indian Railways has admirably taken the lead in enforcing a ban on single-use plastic on trains and its premises starting from October 2, 2019. 1,853 plastic water bottle crushing machines are to be installed at 360 major stations in the first phase and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Development Corporation (IRCTC) is asked to implement the return of plastic drinking bottles as part of extended producer responsibility. A general guideline relevant for all is to encourage vendors from refraining from using plastic carry bags. Cultivating an attitude of generally reducing, reusing and refusing plastic products and turning to inexpensive reusable bags is something to go a long way in restoring the environment by reducing plastic footprint. The menace of single-use

plastic is a problem that demands immediate attention. It clogs drains, worsens roads, pollutes rivers and important water bodies, and causes death of animals. Incinerating plastic

policies, frameworks, and regulations by the government are on their way taking shape and leading India towards tackling plastic pollution. "We are committed to eliminating all single-use

plastic by 2022," the Prime Minister had said on World Environment Day on June 5. Apart from the rampant prevalence of single-use plastic in India coming largely from common consumerism, there is another source of terrifying amounts of plastic making their way to India. According to sources, more than 25 countries dumped nearly 1,21,000

metric tonne of plastic waste in India after recycling companies clandestinely imported it. As data inform, 55,000 metric tonne of plastic waste was imported in India from Pakistan and Bangladesh combined for recycling purposes. The import takes place from more than 25 countries including the Middle East, Europe, and the US. Most of it is plastic flakes and



does not solve any problem as the fumes and toxic elements thus released in the air make their way back into our lungs. It is the common people who will be most affected by the menace of plastic pollution so reaching out to common people with this concern to sensitise them will have the desired impact on the ground level. Public engagement activities together with

lumps made from washing and cutting plastic waste. This business practice is naturally a threat to the country's initiatives to reduce plastic pollution.

With respect to restrictions on the import of plastic, China has set a strong example to emulate. With its National Sword policy, strict regulations are imposed on import of solid waste as raw material. Covered under the ban are plastics such as PET, PE, PVC and PS, paper, and solid waste. This policy of China brings unprecedented restrictions on waste and metal imports in the country but the most striking aspect of this is the unrelenting refusal to plastic from other countries, which, as a matter of fact, has affected economies around the world, making them look towards alternative options. But also, interestingly, the National Sword policy provides commercial opportunities in other markets with recycling units setting out how global waste recycling businesses can capitalise on the changes. Waste and metal managers

over the globe increasingly relied on China to import and process vast quantities of plastic, paper, metal, and other recyclable waste. So, to address their own domestic issue, the National Sword policy was formalised in February 2018 to ban import of 24 types of waste material and set a tougher standard for contamination levels in others, that has been widely regarded as a "catastrophe" and to have a "devastating impact". Putting in flux the global recycling industry, this import ban makes room for smart business with two main benefits and opportunities: one, exporters who can ensure the lowest contamination and highest purity levels by using advanced sensor-based sorting technology can continue trading allowed products with China and gain real competitive advantage and attract higher revenues from customers who value cleaner products; and two, the clampdown on Chinese waste processing is effectively serving as a catalyst for other governments and recycling

industries to explore alternative supply chains. This extra investment provides commercial opportunities for domestic waste sorting and recycling businesses around the world. Suffice it to say, this Chinese policy is not just to the benefit of their domestic economy, but also provides a healthy commercial opportunity to any other economy or business entity interested. Taking cue from this phenomenon, India can not only learn a lesson but also revise it to suit its own requirements.

With India also seeking to mend loopholes in its ban to import waste, there is bound to be set in motion a cycle of economic change both internally and globally. After China, India is the largest economy contributing to marine pollution. Dotted with underdeveloped recycling and waste management sectors, the ban on import of waste will have an impact on investment opportunities in the Indian recycling sector. But to even out that concern, investment scene will still look bright as

India has exhibited the necessary political will to further this cause. The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2018 came along to reduce and manage plastic waste. Very significantly, it included the introduction of extended producer responsibility under which, the producers are made responsible for collecting and processing waste. Also, there are a number of projects for the recycling sector already in the pipeline, but not executed so far due to lack of capital. Start-ups could engage in this initiative and make financing projects easier. A flow of capital will encourage investors to contribute to the cause. Given India's sprawling size and a boost to entrepreneurship, recycling and waste management sectors have ample scope to thrive. The Prime Minister's special focus on creating a plastic-free environment ultimately serves as a timely check on not just anti-environment activities but also gives a fresh boost to the economic aspect of it.



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India Inc 'applauds' measures announced by govt to revive economy

NEW DELHI: India Inc on Friday cheered the slew of measures announced by the government encompassing a broad range of sectors and said the impactful interventions will shore up confidence and revive the animal spirits in the economy that had started showing signs of a 'deep slowdown'.

Addressing a press conference here, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said all pending GST refunds to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) till date shall be paid within 30 days, while future refund matters will

be sorted out within 60 days.

She also said that all old tax notices will be decided by October 1 or will be uploaded again through the centralised system.

The finance minister also announced withdrawal of enhanced surcharge levied on FPIs, restoring the pre-Budget position.

"The most important announcement was the removal of the surcharge on FPI



& DI profits. Because this was strong evidence of a listening capacity & the humility to course-correct. More than anything else, that should regenerate spirits," Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra tweeted.

He added that holding a press conference and announcing a slew of measures instead of a 'trickle of tweaks' was smart communication.

It garnered global attention and

CIJ director general Chandrajit Banerjee said the "excellent package" would help the economy to leapfrog to the next level.

The government also allowed an additional 15 per cent depreciation on vehicles acquired from now till March 2020 and said it will come out with a scrappage policy for old vehicles.

It also said CSR rule violations will only be treated as civil matter and not as

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BANKING THEN	BANKING NOW
1. Phone Banking	No interference in commercial decisions ✓
2. Layered entry operations	3.38 lakh "shell" companies struck off ✓
3. Auditors not independently regulated	NFRA set up as independent regulator of auditors ✓
4. Restructuring of stressed assets often without actual resolution	Resolution through IBC: Connected party debarred ✓
5. Stress restructured and not recognized as NPA	Restructuring schemes withdrawn ✓

signalled government's recognition of the gravity of the situation and an intent to reignite sentiment and growth, he said.

criminal matter.

"While the increased depreciation from 15 per cent to 30 per cent and deferment

of increased registration fees till June 2020 will have a positive impact, moderation of GST base rate from 28 per cent to 18 per cent for all categories as being requested by the auto industry for sometime now would have been the real demand stimulant!," Jaguar Land Rover India Limited President and MD Rohit Suri said.

Assocham President B K Goenka said it is clear that the government is concerned with current economic situation and added that the industry will respond very enthusiastically to these praiseworthy moves.

Ficci President Sandip Somany said the measures will give a major boost to the economy that had started showing signs of a deep slowdown. As these measures take effect, we are sure that these will lift the confidence of businesses and investors alike, he added.

"We thank FM Smt. @nsitharaman ji for announcing key measures which will give a boost to demand, industrial

activity&overall growth of the Indian economy. Eagerly waiting for the Housing industry announcements," CREDAI Chairman Jaxay Shah tweeted.

NB Housing Finance managing director Sanjaya Gupta said the measures will support growth and ease liquidity crunch in the housing finance sector.

Economists and experts too said the announcements made by the government will have a positive impact on the economy.

MS Mani, Partner at Deloitte India said expediting GST refunds would significantly benefit businesses having refunds in improving their working capital in the short term.

"Removal of angel tax will go a long way in building trust and confidence in the startups and the investors, and shows government's resolve towards ease of doing business in India and encourage entrepreneurship," Vikas Vasal, Partner & National Leader - Tax, Grant Thornton India LLP said.

"The slacking economy and the slump in

various sectors including automobiles, housing and MSMEs was a grave concern not just for industry stakeholders but also for the government.

"In a major boost to the slowing economy that comes literally in the nick of time, the FM today has hit a sixer with a slew of announcements for the banking and financial sector including NBFCs, HFCs and even MSMEs," ANAROCK Property Consultants Chairman Anuj Purisaid.

"The removal of higher surcharge on capital gains will not apply to AIFs which deal in derivative securities where the characterisation of income is business income," Bhavin Shah, Partner & Leader, FSTax, PwC India said.



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Mobile phones manufacturing surges 8-folds in last 5 years; electronics goods production doubles

“Exports of mobile phones have also increased 8 folds on-year in FY19 making the UAE, Russia, South Africa and China as important export destinations”

Production of mobile phone in India has shot up 8-folds in the last five years. India produced mobile phones worth \$ 24.3 billion in 2018-19, which was just \$ 3.1 billion in 2014-15, according to the latest RBI annual report. Mobile phones manufacturing has emerged as a flagship sector under the 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' initiatives. The Narendra Modi led government has rolled out several measures to improve the competitiveness of the Indian

electronics manufacturers through tariff structure rationalisation, infrastructure upgradation, procedure simplification and provision of incentives, which has helped the mobile manufacturing brands to set up their businesses in India. Meanwhile, the exports of mobile phones have also increased 8 folds on-year in FY19 making the UAE, Russia, South Africa and China as important export destinations. The Union Budget 2015-16 introduced the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) for mobile handsets and its related sub-assemblies. This involved countervailing duty on mobile phone imports, differential excise duty for domestic mobile phone manufacturing, and exemption of parts, components

and accessories of mobile phones from basic customs duty to encourage

estimated at \$ 2.9 trillion in 2018, according to RBI. Prime Minister

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domestic manufacturing of mobile phones. In addition, the Electronic Development Fund was also created in February 2016 to provide risk capital to firms developing new technologies in the sphere of electronics and information technology. India has also matched the global place in overall electronics goods production by doubling it to \$ 65.5 billion in FY19 from \$ 31.2 billion in FY15. The electronics industry is among the largest and fastest-growing manufacturing industries globally, with production

Narendra Modi, along with South Korean President Moon Jae-in inaugurated the 35-acre Samsung factory in Noida last year, which is the world's largest mobile phone manufacturing facility. The facility not only aimed to almost double Samsung's mobile phone production but also to double Samsung's production capacity of consumer electronics like refrigerators and flat-panel televisions.



UPI transactions overtake debit card payments in 2018-19: RBI annual report

- About 5.35 billion UPI-based transactions recorded in FY19, compared to 4.41 billion debit card payments
- UPI was launched three years ago by the RBI-backed National Payments Corporation of India

The number of transactions via real-time payments system, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), were 1.2 times higher than the number of debit card transactions in 2018-19, according to the Reserve Bank of India's annual report. According to the report, there were as many as 5.35 billion UPI-based transactions, compared to 4.41 billion debit card payments. In a first, UPI-based transactions overtook debit card payments, indicating a shift in

consumers' choices and preferences as far as digital payments are concerned. Besides UPI and debit cards, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), prepaid payment instruments such as wallets, internet banking are some other popular e-payment options.

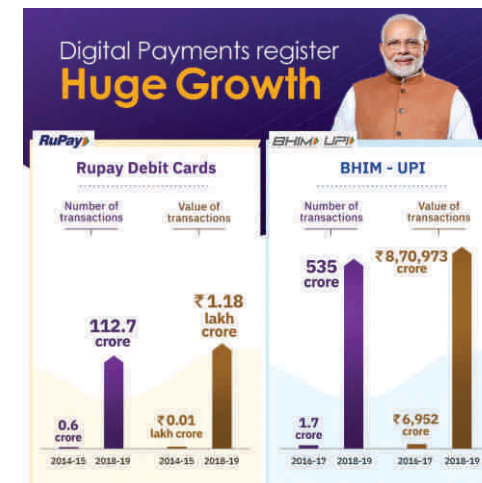
The jump is phenomenal, considering UPI was launched three years ago by the RBI-backed National Payments Corporation of India. During 2017-18, there were 915.2 million UPI transactions, compared to 3.34 billion debit card transactions.

During 2018-19, the number of card payment transactions carried out through credit cards and debit cards was 1.8 billion and 4.4 billion, respectively. Prepaid instruments recorded about 4.6 billion transactions worth ₹2.12 trillion.

"The acceptance infrastructure also witnessed substantial growth, the

number of point of sale (POS) terminals increased by 21% to 3.72 million at the end of March 2019, from 3.08 million at the end of March 2018. However, during the same period, the number of ATMs witnessed a decline from 222,247 to 221,703," the annual report said.

Another popular mode of electronic payments, mainly used by businesses, NEFT system handled 2.3 billion transactions worth ₹228 trillion in 2018-19, up 19.1% in terms of volume and 32.3% in terms of value against the year ago.



The report said the NEFT facility was available through 144,927 branches of 209 banks.

In a boost to the government's digital

payment plan, the banking regulator said it will make online payment system NEFT available 24x7 from December.

The report also said that the next-generation NEFT will lead to higher



degree of automation and state-of-the-art features ensuring conformity to global standards. "Introduction of ISO 20022 messaging format in NEFT would standardise messages across the payment and settlement systems and ensure interoperability between payment systems. The Reserve Bank will consolidate its network and storage for easier manageability and monitoring," it said.



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New Delhi: Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows rose 28% in the first quarter of 2019-20 to \$16.3 billion from \$12.7 billion in the year-ago period, official data showed on Wednesday. Singapore continued to be the top source of FDI at \$5.3 billion, followed by Mauritius (\$4.6 billion).

Among sectors, telecommunications garnered the maximum FDI at \$4.2 billion, followed by services sector (\$2.8 billion). The services include financial, banking, insurance, non-financial/business, outsourcing, research and development, courier, technology testing and analysis.

Last week, India opened its doors further

to FDI, diluting the stringent condition of local sourcing for single-brand retail, in continuation of measures aimed at reviving growth. It also allowed 100% FDI in commercial coal mining as well as in contract manufacturing through the automatic route, hoping to attract global vendors looking to diversify supply chains as the US and China battle it out in a tariff war.

Earlier, the government had issued a notification allowing 100% FDI in insurance intermediaries. The government also allowed up to 26% FDI in digital news and current affairs media on a prior approval basis.

India-bound FDI had dipped 1% to \$44.4 billion in 2018-19 from \$44.8 billion in the

previous fiscal. This was the first decline in six years.

"E-tailers and investment in online companies - be it payments apps, travel aggregators or cab services - have



contributed significantly to FDI," said an expert on foreign investment matters.

Between April 2000 and June 2019, India received \$139-billion FDI from Mauritius and \$88.3 billion from Singapore.

"While Mauritius does not provide any tax incentives anymore, a lot of investors use Singapore as their regional headquarters," said Akash Gupt, partner at PwC.

In the first quarter, June saw the highest

inflows of \$7.2 billion and May the least (\$3.8 billion).

The National Capital Region (Delhi, part of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana) attracted FDI of \$5.04 billion, the highest among

the states.

However, Maharashtra, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Daman & Diu, which were the top spot for FDI in whole of 2018-19, slipped to

fourth position in the quarter with combined investment of \$1.5 billion.



Hemant Agrawal

Prime Minister Sir, I heard your speech from Red Fort and emphasis on water conservation. It is about our small effort in using rain water. 1998 we built 10000 litre tank to store rain water and use it for roof top kitchen garden. Now we have added 2000 litre capacity on roof top itself. We also use solar energy for geyser and electricity generation, thanks to your promotion. Here are some photos.

Karthik N Palanisamy

PM MODI JI.. Hum aapke saath hain corruption eradicate karne keliye...Yeah troop aghe badne keliye hukum thejiye sarkar.

Karthik N Palanisamy

PM MODI JI We will fight till the last bullet and last man and will not allow corruption in India.

Drviswanathan

Thanks giving to **honourable Prime Minister** and Finance Minister by my daughter Poornima who is an entrepreneur for the support to start up projects.

KAUSHIK VYAS

This is really a good initiative by the govt. to promote skill development and start up under the Mudra project. It is suggested to publish the list of the products that we import in all sectors and based on those list a special drive to add in the start up projects. All necessary information related to those products as well as technical /analytical support can be provided both by the CSIR, IITs, and other PSU. There by the students, teachers and professors can work on combined way.

ANKUSH JO ANKUSH

Namaste Modi ji. It has been a unique five years.

SOUVIK MUKHERJEE

Transforming India is a great initiative overall. I would like to know more specifically about the financial aids and support being provided to the youth between 20-30 years of age. Jai Hind

DHARMENDRA KUMAR

I thank this government for opening E education programme for the youth in rural areas especially in Bihar. This would certainly help the students to become much more confident in the era of globalization.

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Great job **Modi ji**. This is called transparent government. I think first pm who introduce this concept. Proud of you



The crowd turnout is expected to be the largest for any Indian prime minister and the largest for a democratically elected foreign leader in America

Over 50,000 people register for 'Howdy, modi' event in Houston

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Seema Hakhu Kachru, PTI

- 'Howdy, Modi' event in Houston to showcase influence of Indian-American community
- This will be PM Modi's 3rd major address to the Indian-American community after he became the prime minister in 2014 and the first after his re-election in May